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REF: BOMBAY 0516, PEKING 0290

1. CONGEN HONG KONG PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
WYMBERLEY COERR TO SECRETARY RIPLEY: "CSLP REPORTS THAT
MONITORED BROADCAST FROM RADIO PEKING FEBRUARY 28

REPORTED THAT CHINESE SCIENTISTS FEAR EARTHQUAKE WILL
SHORTLY STRIKE CITY OF TIENTSIN (INDUSTRIAL CITY OF
4,000,000 WHICH IS 81 MILES SOUTHEAST OF PEKING) AND THAT
POPULACE BEING ORGANIZED TO LOOK FOR SIGNS. RADIO
STATED THAT SHORTLY BEFORE LIAONING QUAKE, AUTHORITIES
ALERTED BY ZOO-KEEPER THAT PANDAS WERE HOLDING HEADS
AND SHRIEKING AND THAT THE SWANS LEFT THE WATER.
RADIO WENT ON TO SAY THAT OTHER SIGNS WERE ABRUPT CHANGES
OF WATER TABLE AS NOTED IN WELLS, RUMBLING SOUNDS IN
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EARTH, AND VISUAL MANIFESTATIONS OF COLUMNS OR BALLS OF

LIGHT." INGERSOLL

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